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VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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1. AT MAY 17 SPC BELGIAN REP STRESSED NEED FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF SPC WORK ON SECTION IV OF IS DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG (ASSURANCES TO OTHER SIDE REGARDING SECOND PHASE). (COMMENT: BELGIAN REP TOLD MISOFF PRIVATELY HE HAD IN MIND NEED FOR EARLY US RESPONSE TO GOB POSITION REPORTED USNATO 2740. END COMMENT) SPC CHAIRMAN KASTL CONCURRED WITH THIS NEED. UK (LOGAL) AND CANADA (ROY) DID NOT ADD THEIR STATEMENTS AT MAY 10 AND MAY 13 SPC MEETINGS THAT THEIR GOVTS ARE REVIEWING THE QUESTION OF ASSURANCES, AND THAT THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE A POSITION FOR A FEW WEEKS (REFS A AND B).

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2. UK DEL HERE HAS CONSISTENTLY TALKED OF END MAY AS DEADLINE FOR UK DECISION WHILE STRESSING INEVITABLE UNCERTAINTY OF ANY SCHEDULE DEPENDENT ON CABINET DECISION.

3. CANADIA SPC REP HAS SAID ESSENTIALLY SAME THING. PRIVATELY HE HAS TOLD US THAT THIS ISSUE WAS READY FOR DECISION AT TIME TRUDEAU GOVT FELL. OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA ARE TRYING TO GET MINS TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUE BUT THIS IS DIFFUCULT IN CAMPAIGN PERIOD. CANQDIAN DEL AND EXTAFF OFFICIALS ARE SEEKING END-OF-MAY DECISION, BUT CANADIA REP NOT IN POSITION TO PREDICT OUTCOME. MCAULIFFE

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